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REMARKS

Claim 71 is rejected under 35 USC 112. This claim has been cancelled, thereby curing the rejection.

Claims 74 – 83 and 85 – 94 are rejected under 35 USC 103 over Lerner (5,198,292) in view of Ngai (6,314,627). The rejection also relies upon Drelich (5,098,764), incorporated by reference in Ngai.

The Office Action (p.6) specifically relies upon Drelich for the teaching of a forming support having a height differential of 0.229 cm. The Office Action asserts that the material made on the Drelich support will be “molded to the same shape as the forming support...,” yielding an average height differential of at least 0.2 mm.

Applicants respectfully note the material made on the Drelich support is illustrated in Figs. 24 – 26. Figs. 24 – 26 clearly show the material made on this support is apertured, and does not follow the contours of the forming support. As such, this material cannot have a height differential of 0.229 cm. Likewise, the other materials shown in Drelich are apertured, and cannot be relied upon to teach a particular height differential.

Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw any rejection based upon Drelich/(Ngai) and its purported teachings of a material having a height differential that falls within the claimed range.

Claims 95- 111 are rejected under 35 USC 103 over Strickland in view of Lerner and Bhattacharjee (5,227,844). Applicants respectfully note the limitations of claim 95 have been incorporated into claim 38, from which claim 95 depended. No new matter is added. Further, since claim 95 has already been examined, no new search is required by the Examiner. The Examiner is respectfully requested to cancel claim 95 to ensure compliance with 35 USC 112, 4th para. and to cancel claim 96.

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Claim 38, as amended requires two zones, each zone having an additive present. The additive is present in the two different zones at different levels. This arrangement provides the dual advantages of overall cleaning with economization of the additive.

As noted by the Office Action, Bhattacharjee, in contrast, teaches applying the additive in a pattern, where zones are free of the adhesive. Bhattacharjee does not teach applying the additive in the claimed arrangement having additive throughout two zones in dual layers of additive levels – and therefore cannot achieve the dual benefits of the claimed invention. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw any rejection based upon Bhattacharjee.

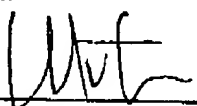
Claims 38 – 42, 65 – 71 74 – 83 and 85 – 94 are rejected under 35 USC 103 over Strickland (WO 98/52458) in view of Lerner. Again, this combination does not achieve or suggest the dual benefits cited above. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and allow these claims.

A terminal disclaimer is enclosed to overcome the double patenting rejection.

It is submitted that all the claims are in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action on all claims is therefore requested.

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